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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to refer to Security Council resolutions 1970 (2011) and 1973 (2011), concerning the situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Egypt, in accordance with the aforementioned resolutions, has taken measures during the past four months to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the evacuation of foreign nationals from Libya as follows:

1. The Egyptian Red Crescent, through a team of 37 personnel and volunteers, is operating at the Saloum border crossing, in close coordination with the Egyptian armed forces, government agencies and international organizations, to provide humanitarian assistance and relief measures to the 4,000 foreign nationals evacuating Libya daily, and is facilitating the evacuation of tens of thousands of individuals present at the Egyptian side of the border.

2. The Egyptian Government has facilitated the crossing of 89 shipments of humanitarian assistance and a mobile intensive care unit to Libya in cooperation with the Libyan Red Crescent, UNICEF, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

3. The Egyptian Ministries of Labour and Social Affairs continue to cooperate with Egyptian civil society to provide humanitarian assistance and relief measures to all Egyptian nationals returning from Libya and their families, with an average of 3,000 individuals daily.

4. The Egyptian Government has facilitated the transit of 63 tons of non-food supplies and 1,000 tons of food supplies in cooperation with the World Food Programme, 31 medical and food shipments from the United Arab Emirates, and the Arab League convoy for humanitarian assistance, as well as the humanitarian convoy of the Arab Doctors Union.

5. The Government also facilitated the transit of the humanitarian convoy of the International Committee of the Red Cross, containing 5 tons of humanitarian supplies.

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6. The Egyptian Government continues to closely cooperate with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance and its assessment team and operations team in Libya, and continues to closely coordinate with the Office in order to render all necessary support to the transit of international humanitarian and relief assistance to the Libyan people.

7. Finally, the Government of Egypt continues its cooperation with the International Organization for Migration to facilitate the evacuation of foreign nationals present at the Egyptian side of the border through its sea and airports in Alexandria and Cairo.

The Government of Egypt will continue to take all necessary measures to provide humanitarian and other relief assistance to the Libyan people and all nationals evacuating Libya, and stands ready to intensify its cooperation with the United Nations and the international community to evacuate foreign nationals present at the Egyptian side of the border.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt would appreciate the circulation of this note verbale to all Member States as a document of the Security Council.